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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shelly Attorney Docket No. BING-1-1019  
Serial No.: 10/627,900 Group Art Unit: 3644  
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Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR PASSIVE ILLUMINATION OF  
REFUELING HOSES

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sirs:

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003. Claims 1-35 are pending in the case. Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, and 25 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 10, 12-16, 18-20, 22-26, 28-31, and 33-35 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by von Thal et al. (U.S. 6,651,933 B1). Claims 2, 11, 21, and 32 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over von Thal in view of Stump et al. (U.S. 5,835,271). Claims 8, 17, and 27 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over von Thal in view of Krispin et al (U.S. 5,326,052).

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